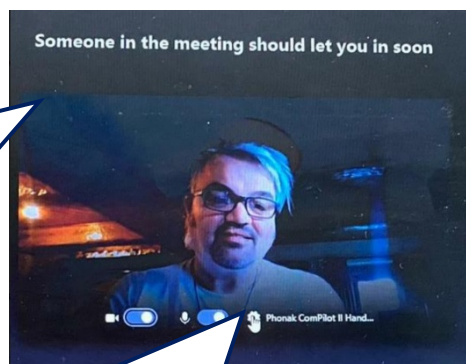


Nick Tedd is one of Hear Together's trustees...here are his top observations of being in the Covid-19 lockdown and living with hearing loss.

Making my technology work for me:

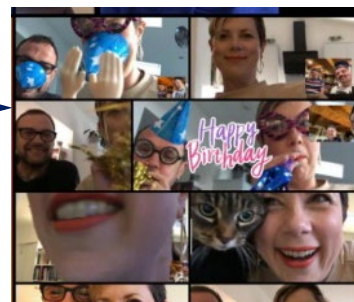
Conversations in group chats like FaceTime/ zoom / Skype / Microsoft teams - all audio is streamed directly to my hearing aids via Bluetooth technology so I can hear every word very clearly - better than real life group situations & meetings.



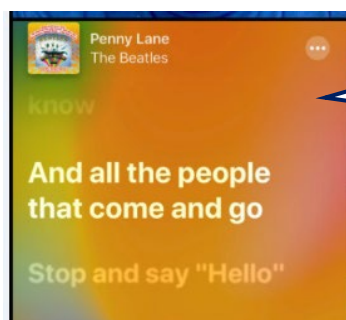
I even attended my cancelled speed awareness course with 12 strangers in a virtual classroom & didn't even have to tell them I have hearing loss!

In charge of how and when I socialize:

I need less rest breaks - the amount of concentration I use to lip read & hear is very tiring - particularly in public places, bars, restaurants & just managing day to day life. On lockdown this has decreased dramatically & I catch up with people using my phone so now I am always in charge of background noise.



Spending more time listening to music and TV...and loving it!



I have been watching far more tv / box sets & Netflix & I'm amazed how much is subtitled. I've got back into music more & have been creating playlists on Apple Music - when connected to WiFi I can access lyrics to songs that appear as they are sung! It's been a revelation!

Moving out of my comfort zone and discovering Skype has subtitles.

I was always wary of video chats & avoided them but now I'm over that as I can hear really well streamed direct to my HA. Also Skype has live subtitle technology.

